

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**            **Hugh H. TROUT, et al.**            **Art Unit: 3773**

**Application Serial No.:**    **10/667,521**                            **Examiner: Tyson, Melanie Ruano**

**Filed:**                            **September 23, 2003**                            **Conf. No. 1449**

**For:**                            **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REDUCING FLUID LOSS**  
   **DURING A SURGICAL PROCEDURE**

**Attorney Docket #:**            **23660-00656**



**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2007, please amend the application as shown below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.